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Friday, 31 January 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

10 a.m. 80th plenary meeting (resumed) General Assembly Hall

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Summary of meetings

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80th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/57/705, A/57/705/Add.1, A/57/705/Add.2, A/57/705/Add.3) [119]

The General Assembly took note that Antigua and Barbuda, Cape Verde, Kenya, Mauritania and the Solomon Islands had made the necessary payments to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly; allocation of items and organization of work: note by the Secretary General (A/57/101/Add.1/Rev.1) [8]

The General Assembly decided to consider sub-item (a) of agenda item 17 directly in plenary meeting and to proceed immediately to its consideration.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments; appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: note by the Secretary-General (A/57/101/Add.1/Rev.1) [17 (a)]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 17.

The Assembly appointed Mr. Jun Yamazaki (Japan) as a member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a term of office beginning on 29 January 2003 and ending on 31 December 2004.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 17.

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After two rounds of balloting had been completed, and before the results of the third round had been announced, the President made the following announcement to the General Assembly:

"At the opening of the 80th plenary meeting of the General Assembly this morning, I informed members that certain Member States had made the necessary payments to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

The General Assembly decided to take note of that information.

Pursuant to that decision, the States concerned participated in the three rounds of balloting that have taken place today.

I am now informed that one of those States has not in fact made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

In view of this situation, I have extensively consulted with the Office of Legal Affairs.

I deeply regret to inform the representatives that the first ballot - and so, necessarily the second and third ballots, also - are invalid.

Consequently, the candidates who were announced as elected can no longer so be considered.

In view of this highly unfortunate situation, I would propose to the Assembly that the elections should commence anew on Friday, 31 January at 10:00 am. This will allow delegations to receive instructions from their capitals.

Since the elections must commence again, it naturally follows that the withdrawals that were announced today are also to be considered as not having taken place."

The elections will therefore be conducted on the basis of the full list of 23 candidates whose names appear in document A/57/492 and Corrigendum 1.

States may of course communicate the withdrawal of candidates to the Secretariat prior to election."

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